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Work has begun on measures to control the erosion that threatens the sidewalk, the nearby road, and the banks along the south end of Silver Beach in St. Joseph.

Making progress

Crews working quickly to enact erosion-control program at south end of Silver Beach

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — More than half of the work is done to protect the south end of Silver Beach, Berrien County Administrator Brian Dissette said after meeting with county commissioners Thursday.

Dissette said Triple D Excavating of Eau Claire is expected to have the work completed by Dec. 15.

St. Joseph city commissioners approved partnering with the county to pay for half of the $119,675 project, which has a contingency of $11,967, meaning the maximum cost could be $131.642.

Erosion due to high Lake Michigan water levels has threatened the sidewalk and Lake Street. A shade structure there has already been damaged, and had to be roped off all summer because it was compromised by the erosion.

Workers are in the process of removing much of the debris that has been placed in that area years ago, because some of it is dangerous. That debris will be replaced with large rocks.

Also being put in place are about 250 feet of Hesco barriers, which Dissette said are temporary metal-framed boxes with fabric liners that are filled with sand.

"It's a product that's often used by the Army Corps of Engineers, and it's used for everything from flooding control to it's actually used by the military for, essentially, temporary bases," he said during the meeting. "... It's pretty easy to put together. The wire cages are able to be connected. As you build a temporary wall, by the time you get a dozen or so of these things in place filled with sand, it becomes a very strong and robust system."

He said that depending on the severity of storms and wave action, some could be damaged, but they are relatively low cost to replace and can be set up quickly.

After the Hesco barriers are put in place, the wind will blow sand onto them, Dissette explained.

"Hopefully in about six months, you won't be able to see much of the actual temporary barricade."

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Work continues shoring up the banks along the south end of Silver Beach in St. Joseph. Park of the beach will be protected by these Hesco barriers, which are temporary metal-framed boxes with fabric liners being filled with sand.

The historically high Lake Michigan water level has caused extensive erosion along the south end of Silver Beach in St. Joseph. Crews are working now to protect that section of beach as winter weather bears down.

What actually happened

286 absentee ballots were rejected across Berrien, Cass, Van Buren counties

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

In a presidential election riddled with allegations of fraud and concerns about absentee ballots due to the pandemic, just 0.46 percent of ballots were rejected in Michigan, the state reported this week.

In Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, just 286 absentee ballots total were rejected out of about 148,600 ballots cast. That breaks down to 165 in Berrien, 26 in Cass and 95 in Van Buren.

The state's report also breaks down why those ballots were rejected, with the most common reason being voters moving to other jurisdictions.

In Oronoko Township, 10 ballots were rejected for this reason, while Benton Township rejected nine and St. Joseph rejected six.

The second most common reason for ballots being rejected was death. In the tri-county area, 75 voters died in the time between returning their absentee ballots and Election Day. The highest totals of death leading to rejected ballots were: seven voters in Lincoln Township, six voters in Niles Township and six voters in Paw Paw Township.

Ballots arriving after 8 p.m. on Election Day was the third-highest reason for rejection, though it was the concern that had generated the most pre-election buzz.

St. Joseph Township rejected nine ballots that showed up after the deadline, while Oronoko Township rejected eight,

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Exhausted health care workers 'scream into the abyss' about rising coronavirus cases

By ELLIE SILVERMAN
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

PHILADELPHIA — When Dr. Maura Sammon leaves work, no one is outside banging pots and pans, celebrating her and colleagues at Temple University Hospital as they fight to save the lives of coronavirus patients.

At first, when she was working 16-hour days, seven days a week, people acted like she was a hero. But now, Philadelphia sidewalks are empty of color, the chalk messages of cheer and encouragement for her colleagues long gone. When she goes to the grocery store, no one tells first responders like her to skip the line. People no longer come up to thank her when they see her wearing scrubs.

And that's fine. She doesn't want the hero worship. At the same time, she and her exhausted colleagues are not getting what they need from the public.

After she and her co-workers leave the hospital, they confront an infuriating alternative reality, where people go forward with large Thanksgiving gatherings, complain about not being able to dine indoors, and ignore basic safety measures, like wearing a mask and maintaining social distance.

Doctors and nurses have become so frustrated and alarmed by people not recognizing the virus is real and deadly that some said it takes all their energy to restrain themselves from yelling out loud at their partying neighbors.

Inside the hospital, they described the enduring trauma of treating patients during the pandemic. As they gear up to battle what could be the most threatening surge of cases yet, they are tired from treating the critically ill, from worrying about bringing the virus home to their spouse or children, and from the ripple effects the pandemic is having on the rest of everyday life.

"Our families are suffering horribly and disproportionately," Sammon said. "Of course I am feeling burned out, but I don't have the time to be burnt out."

Although we know more about the virus now, and

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States plan for vaccines as daily U.S. virus deaths top 3,100

By SAM METZ and RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

States drafted plans Thursday for who will go to the front of the line when the first doses of COVID-19 vaccine become available later this month, as U.S. deaths from the outbreak eclipsed 3,100 in a single day, obliterating the record set last spring.

With initial supplies of the vaccine certain to be limited, governors and other state officials are weighing both health and economic concerns in deciding the order in which the shots will be dispensed.

States face a Friday deadline to submit requests for doses of the Pfizer vaccine and specify where they should be shipped, and many appear to be heeding nonbinding guidelines adopted this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to put health care workers and nursing home patients first.

But they're also facing a multitude of decisions about other categories of residents – some specific to their states; some vital to their economies.

Colorado's draft plan, which is being revised, puts ski resort workers who share close quarters in the second phase of vaccine distribution, in recognition of the $6 billion industry's linchpin role in the state's economy.

In Nevada, where officials have stressed the importance of bringing tourists back to the Las Vegas Strip, authorities initially put nursing home patients in the third phase, behind police officers, teachers, airport operators and retail workers. But they said Wednesday that they would revise that plan to conform to the CDC guidance.

In Arkansas, Gov. Asa Hutchinson said health care and long-term care facility workers are the top priority, but the state was still refining

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Automakers prep for stronger mileage standards under Biden

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Now that it's clear Joe Biden soon will be president, the fight over automobile pollution and fuel efficiency standards is likely to peter out, and U.S. consumers should see a broader selection of electric and efficient vehicles.

But just how wide those choices will be and when they will come depends a lot on how negotiations go between the new administration and a fractured industry.

At a board meeting earlier this week, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, a big industry trade association, recognized that change is coming. Alliance CEO John Bozzella said automakers are committed to working with the Biden administration, which will renew the fight against climate change and likely will undo gas mileage rollbacks under President Donald Trump.

The Trump rollbacks were supported by at least a dozen auto companies, many of which are having trouble meeting pollution and efficiency standards set when Barack Obama was president. Toyota, Fiat Chrysler, Nissan, Hyundai, Kia, Subaru, Isuzu, Suzuki, Maserati, McLaren, Aston-Martin and Ferrari all joined the Trump administration in a court battles over the standards and California's authority to set its own, more stringent requirements.

Five companies – Ford, Volkswagen, BMW, Honda and Volvo – backed California, and last week General Motors switched sides and joined them. Most automakers want one national standard so they don't have to build two versions of each vehicle.

Sometime after Biden takes office Jan. 20, there will be efforts to reach a deal that all sides can live with. Here's what experts say is the likely outcome for new vehicle buyers:

Under Trump's standards, automakers would have to show 1.5 percent fuel economy increases from model years 2022 through 2025, far less than the 4.7 percent increase per year under Obama. Biden likely will make the standards stricter than Trump but not as strict as Obama and automakers will have to sell more battery-powered vehicles to meet those standards. At present, there are about 20 fully electric vehicles on sale in the U.S. with dozens more on the way.

Within the next few years, General Motors, Ford and Fiat Chrysler plan to offer all-electric pickup trucks as alternatives to petroleum-powered trucks that are now the top-selling vehicles in the country. Ford plans an electric full-size delivery van, and GM promises 30 new electric models globally by 2025.

Experts say that more of those global models from all automakers are likely to make it to the U.S. under a Biden presidency. Under Trump's looser requirements, automakers would have been under less pressure to bring in more electric vehicles, as well as gas-electric hybrids and more efficient vehicles with internal combustion engines.

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Authorities pass a border wall construction site, in Mission, Texas, on Nov. 16. President-elect Joe Biden will face immediate pressure to fulfill his pledge to stop border wall construction. But he will confront a series of tough choices left behind by President Donald Trump, who's ramped up construction in his final weeks.

Biden is facing high hopes, tough choices on border wall

By NOMAAN MERCHANT and JOHN L. MONE
Associated Press

LOS EBANOS, Texas — The U.S. government has been trying to take Pamela Rivas' land for a border wall since before Joe Biden was vice president.

From a brushy bluff, Rivas can look across the Rio Grande to Mexico on the other side. She spent her childhood fishing on the river. The government wants to bisect this property with steel fencing that would cut her off from the water, paying her just for the strip of land where it would build. In the meantime, the land is under constant surveillance from border agents who drive across it without her permission.

"We've been in court for 12 years now," Rivas said. "It's devastating. This is my inheritance from my family."

Biden faces immediate pressure when he enters the White House in January to fulfill a pledge to stop border wall construction. But he also will confront tough choices left behind by President Donald Trump, whose administration has ramped up construction efforts across the Southwest in its final weeks, as well as skepticism about his own record on border walls.

As a senator, Biden voted for efforts to take private land under the Secure Fence Act of 2006. And while he was vice president to President Barack Obama, the government continued building and pursuing lawsuits against border landowners. About 650 miles of barriers were completed under that law through 2011.

In South Texas' Rio Grande Valley, where Rivas and dozens of landowners are fighting construction, Obama built more barriers than Trump.

"We're a little less naïve than last time," said Ricky Garza, a lawyer with the nonprofit Texas Civil Rights Project, which represents Rivas and other landowners. "What we saw 10 years ago was a failure to prioritize the border as an important place where policy was happening."

Biden will inherit a massive wall-building effort that accelerated in Trump's final year. Work crews are blasting through mountains and destroying tree-like cactus and other habitat in Arizona and New Mexico. Almost all of the construction under Trump has taken place in wildlife refuges and Indigenous territory that already belongs to the U.S. government. While the work is considered "replacement" of older barriers, crews are removing small vehicle barriers and installing towering steel posts and lighting that are far more restrictive.

The Trump administration says it has completed 400 miles and pledged to reach 450 miles by the end of the year. And it has locked in contracts to build hundreds of miles more. More than two dozen projects are underway and contracts are signed with at least five construction companies, totaling $7 billion, according to government figures.

Optimism growing for COVID relief bill as pressure builds

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Optimism about delivering long-sought COVID-19 relief is building on Capitol Hill after additional rank-and-file lawmakers voiced support for a bipartisan, middle-of-the-road plan taking shape in the Senate and as top congressional leaders connected on the topic for the first time in months.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell – frequent rivals but proven dealmakers – spoke on the phone Thursday, a conversation that came the day after Pelosi signaled a willingness to make major concessions in search of a COVID rescue package in the $1 trillion range.

Pelosi's spokesman announced the telephone conversation, tweeting that it was "about their shared commitment to completing an omnibus and COVID relief as soon as possible."

"We had a good conversation. I think we're both interested in getting an outcome, both on the omnibus and on a coronavirus package," McConnell said.

With COVID-19 caseloads spiraling and the daily death toll equaling records, the momentum for finally passing a second major relief bill is undeniably building, especially after President-elect Joe Biden and top congressional Democrats endorsed a $908 billion bipartisan framework to build an agreement.

Some conservatives, including Republicans from COVID hotspots like North Dakota and Iowa, said they were comfortable with an aid package carrying the almost $1 trillion price tag. Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., said the bipartisan plan is "the right balance of compromise and it's a number that's doable."

Added Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.: "There's a bipartisan package for $908 billion that will really help people."

The path forward is cluttered with obstacles, however, including a tight time window and hard feelings from months of futile talks and a poisonous election. But the $908 billion cost is what many Republicans, McConnell included, signaled they were willing to accept this summer.

McConnell, R-Ky., his leverage bolstered after the election, continues to take a hard line, insisting in a Thursday floor speech that any relief package be limited to consensus items like another round of "paycheck protection" aid to businesses, funding to distribute vaccines, and aid to schools.

"Why should these impactful and noncontroversial life-preservers be delayed one second longer?" McConnell said. "At long last, let's do what Congress does when we want an outcome. Let's make law on all the subjects where we agree."

Later, McConnell met with Republicans who are working the scaled-back, bipartisan measure, including Susan Collins, R-Maine, Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Mitt Romney, R-Utah. Across Capitol Hill, an allied bipartisan "problem solvers" group claimed growing momentum at an outdoor news conference.

A key McConnell ally, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he is negotiating with fellow Judiciary Committee member Dick Durbin, D-Ill., over a provision much sought by Republicans and McConnell in particular that would give a liability shield to businesses, universities and other organizations against COVID-related lawsuits.

Trump honors football coach Holtz as 'one of the greatest'

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

Evan Vucci / AP

Former football coach Lou Holtz smiles after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Donald Trump, in the Oval Office of the White House Thursday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday called Lou Holtz "one of the greatest coaches in American history" as he honored the college football Hall of Famer and political ally with the nation's highest civilian honor.

Holtz, whose 34-year coaching career included the 1988 national title at the University of Notre Dame, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom during an Oval Office ceremony. Holtz led six different programs to bowl games and is an outspoken Trump backer.

"He's really a life teacher," said Trump, noting the respect and loyalty Holtz earned from the many players he mentored. "He teaches people how to live and how to live properly and how to live with dignity."

Holtz is one of several sports figures Trump has awarded the Medal of Freedom during his time office.

Others include former NFL Hall of Famer and Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, Olympic track and field athlete and former Rep. Jim Ryun, golfer Tiger Woods, Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach, pro basketball greats Bob Cousy and Jerry West and baseball legends Babe Ruth and Mariano Rivera.

"They're recognized for what they did. I'm recognized for what other people did. I never made a block or a tackle, but I did try to teach people to make good choices. That's all I ever tried to do," Holtz said.

Holtz had a 249-132-7 record over a career that, in addition to Notre Dame, included stops at William & Mary, North Carolina State, the University of Arkansas, the University of Minnesota, and the University of South Carolina. He also coached the NFL's New York Jets in 1976 to a 3-10 record.

Holtz, 83, said said that being honored by Trump made the award particularly meaningful.

"I'm even prouder to receive it from President Donald Trump," said Holtz, who added that Trump was the "greatest president in my lifetime"

A graduate of Kent State, Holtz also served seven years as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.

The West Virginia native was among the speakers at this year's Republican National Convention, offering Trump a strong endorsement while attacking the president's Democratic rival, Joe Biden. In his remarks, Holtz called Biden a Catholic "in name only." Biden is a practicing Catholic.

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Scott headed to Washington to lobby for vaccine

County commissioner expects to be in meeting with president

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

NEW BUFFALO — Berrien County Commissioner Ezra Scott has been invited to meet with top officials in Washington so many times, he says he's lost track.

SCOTT

Scott said Tuesday will be the fifth or sixth time he's traveled to the nation's capital, this time to take part in a meeting about Operation Warp Speed, the public-private partnership aimed at accelerating the development, manufacturing and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines.

"I'm very humbled to be part of this," he said after the Berrien County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday, where commissioners agreed to pay his travel expenses.

But this time will be a little different because President Donald Trump was not present at the other meetings.

This time, both Trump and Vice President Mike Pence are expected to be there, along with the CEOs of the vaccine manufacturers, a few governors, tribal representatives and several local officials. He said the meeting will be held in the executive office building at the White House complex.

Another difference is that the emailed invitation came directly from the White House and states that it is not transferable, Scott said.

"I'm going to use the opportunity to advocate for 150,000 vials (of vaccine) just for Berrien County," he said. "I understand that the president doesn't like our governor. That's whatever it is. I don't care about that. I'm looking at Berrien County."

Scott said there's no risk in asking for it. All they can do is turn him down.

"I just like to take the politics out of it," he said. "When I'm going there, I'm going for a particular reason. If I'm invited, I'm going. And then I'm going to advocate for Berrien County."

The first time he traveled to Washington, D.C., was with six other county commissioners in 2017, when they heard presentations and talked with Trump's top administrative team.

Scott said no other president before Trump had invited county commissioners to do that.

"He wanted to hear from boots on the ground," Scott said.

During his visits, Scott has made multiple contacts and learned about grants that the county can apply for.

"Without Washington contacts, we never would have known about many of these grants," he said. "... These are tax dollars that are available. If we don't apply for them in Berrien County, they will go to someone else."

Scott said he's also used these contacts to help cut through red tape.

For example, he said it took New Buffalo Township officials 18 months to get permits from Amtrak so they could run a water line under the railroad tracks to a subdivision. He said that work started in 2019, but was quickly shut down after an Amtrak line supervisor said they were missing a permit for a particular survey.

When township officials contacted Amtrak, they were told that they would have to start the entire permitting process all over again because there were 80 other applications in front of their application.

That's when township officials called Scott for help.

Scott said he called his contact for Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao at the White House and found out that that portion of the tracks was also under the control of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He said his contact already had plans to speak with the heads of both departments that evening.

The next day, he said his contact called him back.

"He told me that they decided that rather than have both offices call Amtrak to expedite this, they felt that the best thing to do is only have one office call, so that call will be made by the office of the vice president of the United States," he said.

The very next day, he said he got a call from New Buffalo Township Clerk Judy Zabicki, who told him that Amtrak had just faxed her office the new permit so the job could be completed.

"She calls me her junk yard dog," Scott said. "She says, 'The dog did it again.'"

Scott said this reduced the permit process from 18 months to two days.

Why do officials in Washington keep inviting him to meetings?

"I speak my mind. I'm not afraid to say anything," he said. "... But I try to do it in the right way. I try to be respectful of others because I want them to respect me."

He said that many people get awestruck when they are with the top government officials and spend their time trying to get photos with them, which he called an "okey doke."

"The only one that I did was with (Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) Ben Carson, and he insisted on that," Scott said. " ... But that's not what I'm there for. While they're doing that, I'm talking with their senior aides."

Scott added that he wouldn't pass up a chance Tuesday to get a photo with the president and vice president.

"If I can get one with Trump and Pence, why not? I think that would be phenomenal."

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CHILLY BUT STILL BEAUTIFUL

Don Campbell / HP staff

The sun reflects off the St. Joseph River as a fisherman cruises past submerged trees Wednesday along Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor.

Feeling the pandemic pinch

SH nonprofit We Care INC receives more requests for holiday meals, children's gifts this year

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — With the number of COVID-19 cases rising this fall throughout the region and the economic future unknown, the holiday season won't be so merry and bright for people struggling to make ends meet.

But a local nonprofit is offering a way for area residents and businesses to help make the holidays a little happier for those in need.

We Care INC human service ministry is now accepting donations of Christmas meals and children's gifts through its annual Holiday Blessings Campaign.

This year, due to the pandemic, the need for food and gift donations is even greater, according to Erika Morrison, executive director of We Care.

"We don't normally fill up (meal and gift requests) until the beginning of December," she said. "This year, we were almost full in November. We have few slots left for the second night of gift distributions and some meal baskets."

Due to restrictions to control the spread of coronavirus, meals and gifts will be distributed differently this holiday season.

"For the pantries and churches that are giving out baskets, it is a drive-through option for meals, and individual donors are bringing the baskets into the We Care office," Morrison explained. "The families will then come to us to pick up their basket."

Christmas gifts for youth will still be distributed through Project Christmas Hope at First Assembly of God in South Haven and Santa's Workshop at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bangor. However, gifts will have to be picked out by one family at a time.

The Holiday Blessing Campaign is one of We Care's biggest undertakings of the year.

The nonprofit receives requests for approximately 350 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and provides gifts for 750 children up to the age of 16.

The task couldn't be completed without the generosity of area residents, organizations and businesses, according to Morrison.

"We can't do what we do without the support of our community," she said. "There are a lot of people who have turned to us because of the pandemic and loss of jobs and funds. ... The compassion and empathy that we have witnessed has been incredible and humbling."

Families in the South Haven, Covert, Glenn or Bloomingdale areas who would like to request a holiday meal or gifts have until noon on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to do so by calling the We Care office at 269-637-4342. Families in Bangor, Lacota, Grand Junction and Breedsville should call We Care's Bangor office at 269-427-9581.

People who would like to donate holiday meals can visit We Care's website for a list of food items. Meal baskets must contain only pre-made and packaged items (no homemade goods). Meal baskets can be dropped off to the We Care offices in South Haven and Bangor by Dec. 21.

Gifts can be dropped off by Dec. 13 at the following locations in South Haven: VFW post 667, American Legion post 49, Bronson Wellness Center, South Haven City Hall, Core Nutrition, Dollar General, Clementine's restaurant, Captain Nemo's restaurant, Family Dollar, First Congregational Church, Fifth Third Bank, Maria's Taste of Italy, Masters Chiropractic, McFadden's Friendly Motors, Menards, Oh My Darlings, St. Basil Catholic Church, Taste restaurant, TCF Bank, Three Blondes Brewing, Twisted Twin, We Care office and Woodhams Ford Lincoln.

In Bangor, drop-off points are: We Care office, Harding's Market and Dollar General.

Area Agency on Aging lands $500K grant

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Michigan Health Endowment Fund has announced that the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, in partnership with Spectrum Health Lakeland, will receive a $500,000 grant for implementation of the Southwest Michigan Care Continuum Transformation Strategy, according to a news release.

This strategy seeks to build an infrastructure in which older adults with complex care needs are linked with proper medical and community-based services that integrate social care into the delivery of health care.

Until recently, efforts to improve the health of older adults focused on expanding access to quality medical care. However, considering the social conditions in which a person lives is critical to improving both primary prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illness. Growing research suggests that Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), such as adequate access to nutritious food, stable income, safe housing, and reliable and affordable transportation, can have a greater influence on the outcomes of health care interventions than previously thought, the release noted.

In addition, COVID-19 has changed the landscape of how people utilize health care and community-based services. Many older adults have delayed important medical appointments and have restricted access into their homes making the use of telehealth technology vital. This grant will also seek to bridge the digital divide between seniors and online medical services to reduce their potential exposure to COVID-19.

"Implementing a comprehensive blueprint for coordinated person-centered care for older adults in southwest Michigan will address critical community needs by strengthening the relationships between health systems, community-based programs, faith communities, and other community services," said Lynn Kellogg, Area Agency on Aging CEO, in the release. "Empowerment of the individual is a key purpose behind systems change. Building healthy communities requires a broad view; aligning different community service networks to address barriers to good health so the individual can thrive."

Said Dr. Loren B. Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland: "We know the social conditions in which a person lives and works are critical to both the primary prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illness. We look forward to partnering with Area Agency on Aging as we continue this important work and provide our friends and neighbors with the care and resources they need to age well."

This new award is an implementation grant that continues the efforts begun in 2019 as part of a one-year planning grant awarded by the Health Fund. The initial planning partners were able to identify community assets, gaps, and barriers to person centered care for complex care older adults in our community.

The timeline of the implementation grant begins in April 2021. The grant period runs for two years. At the end of the grant cycle both organizations seek to have partnerships, systems, and structural linkages in place, and to adopt a financial stability model for long-term results. It is also a project goal to create a playbook that can guide other communities as they build their own community of care for complex care older adults.

For more information, contact Christine Vanlandingham at 983-0177, or email cvanlandingham@areaagencyonaging.org.

IN BRIEF

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Some winners of The Herald-Palladium Readers' Choice awards are receiving calls from an out-of-town company selling awards plaques.

The calls may leave the impression that the company is working with The Herald-Palladium, but that's not true. Winners should note that The Herald-Palladium has not authorized any third party to use our copyrighted Readers' Choice Awards for commercial purposes.

Four more COVID-19 deaths reported in Berrien

Berrien County recorded four additional COVID-19 deaths Thursday, bringing the county's COVID-19 death toll to 114.

In addition, the county recorded 99 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and 22 new presumed cases.

The county's seven-day average for new cases a day dropped to 86 Thursday, compared to 106 on Wednesday and 126 last Thursday.

The county recorded 33 additional recoveries Thursday. With the deaths and recoveries, the county has about 3,765 active cases. That's up from 3,703 on Wednesday and 3,325 last Thursday.

COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to fluctuate at Spectrum Health Lakeland. There were 58 patients admitted Thursday morning. That's down from 67 on Wednesday and 62 last Thursday.

The Berrien County Health Department and Spectrum Health Lakeland will give an COVID-19 update at 11:30 a.m. today on their Facebook pages.

Van Buren County recorded two additional deaths Thursday, bringing the county's death toll to 47. The county has also recorded 99 new cases since Tuesday.

Cass County has added 65 new cases since Tuesday, and still has 30 deaths.

hp ENTERTAINMENT

Photos provided

This portrait by Bob Williams will be among the artwork on display for the 2020 Member Show at the Box Factory for the Arts.

Box Factory's Member Show opens today

Year-end exhibit on display through Jan. 16

ST. JOSEPH — "Series 6," the annual holiday exhibit by members of the Berrien Artist Guild, opens today at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St.

The exhibit in the Heartha Whitlow Gallery will be available for viewing from noon-4 p.m. Fridays to Sundays through Jan. 16.

The Member Show is an annual celebration of the variety of artwork created by Box Factory studio artists and the membership at large. It's also an opportunity to shop for local art during the holidays.

Included in the show are paintings, sculptures, ceramics, glass, photographs, jewelry and more.

A special mini gallery exhibit of paintings by Carr Pierce also will be displayed during the show. The exhibit, "Here and There," includes abstract paintings inspired by the landscape of Southwest Michigan.

The paintings are memories and impressions of landscapes with flashes of saturated colors and fields of muted grays. The painted surfaces are worked with brushes, trowels and other mark-making tools.

Pierce's body of work includes paintings, drawings, collages and ceramics. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison with a Master of Fine Arts degree. The recent transplant to Southwest Michigan has exhibited works in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph.

For more on this and other Box Factory events, visit boxfactoryforthearts.org or the Box Factory's Facebook page.

This photograph of a butterfly by Jennifer Tomshack will be among the artwork on display.

IN BRIEF

History Center's event goes virtual

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The History Center at Courthouse Square will host a virtual "Kindle Your (Online) Christmas Spirit" event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

With its in-person "Kindle Your Christmas Spirit" not happening this year, the center will make Facebook posts throughout the day featuring items from its collections, an online exhibit, carols, stories and more.

Those not on Facebook can still participate. An email will be sent on Thursday with links to all the stuff being shared.

For more information about exhibits and programs, call 471-1202 or visit berrienhistory.org.

TCP to present 'Bah, Humbug!'

ST. JOSEPH — Twin City Players will premiere its next online event, "Bah, Humbug!," at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 on its Facebook page.

The TCP production is based on Charles Dickens' dramatic readings of "A Christmas Carol." From the mid-1850s until 1870, Dickens traveled worldwide giving public readings of his story to highlight the plight of the poor and unfortunate.

TCP's production also will be available on its website, www.twincityplayers.org, and YouTube channel.

The show is free, but donations can be made online through TCP's website.

"Bah, Humbug!" is directed by Larry Nielsen. The socially distanced cast and crew includes Andrew Glisson (Scrooge, etc.), Carol Sizer (Host/Narrator, etc.), Kraig Kirkdorfer (Fred, Solicitors, Ghosts, etc.), John Taylor (set design, construction and setting), Scott Bradford (lighting) and Jacob Holmes (videographer and editing).

Pappageorge's works come to gallery

THREE OAKS — Porcelain and stoneware sculptures by artist Louise Pappageorge are now on view at Judy Ferrara Gallery, 16 S. Elm St.

Pappageorge is a Chicago native and graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work is included in national and international private and corporate collections. She currently divides her time between Chicago and Michigan.

Early on, through the women in her life, she was exposed to all types of "domestic" crafts, sewing, crochet, knitting, embroidery and macramé. She retained an interest in the mediums and sensibilities of those crafts and their implications to feminism and women's work.

Her sculptural artwork incorporates found and newly created crochet and laces that are metal leafed and patinaed.

Her clay works, with their suggestions of flora, fauna, water eddies, bone and aggregations of rock and soil, are her reaction to the elemental residue of collective existence.

Judy Ferrara Gallery is open from noon-6 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, or by appointment by calling 574-276-6001.

For more information, visit judyferraragallery.com.

HCS, band to celebrate Christmas

The Harbor Country Singers invites the public to a Christmas singalong on Dec. 13 in Harbor Country.

The fifth annual holiday program will include familiar carols and songs of the season, performances by area musicians, and a debut appearance by a brass quintet assembled especially for the day.

The group will perform at 3 p.m. at Sawyer Highlands Church, 13100 Red Arrow Highway, and again at 6 p.m. at Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo.

The concerts are a program of the Three Oaks School of American Music.

The event is free, but space is limited. To reserve tickets, visit schoolofamericanmusic.com.

Both venues will be arranged to accommodate large gatherings and social distancing. Guests will be asked to sign in, and masks will be required.

Mow offering 'Holly Jolly Telegrams'

BENTON HARBOR — With the help of a few friends, Paul Mow will offer Berrien County residents the chance to send a "Holly Jolly Telegram" from Dec. 19-24.

Mow has coordinated a socially distanced caravan of talented vocalists to visit homes and spread the joy of the season through holiday carols.

Telegram packages range from $50 to $250. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Ghost-Light Theatre, where Mow is artistic director.

For more information, ring the yellow bell at paulmow.com.

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Sunday's Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series includes a talkback session with "Peter Pan" star Cathy Rigby.

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with venues for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mike Struwin and Roots Rhythm: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Window Wonderland: 7-8:30 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

SATURDAY

Eli Kahn: 3 p.m., **2 Trailers Down:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Kickoff to Christmas (tree lighting and drive-in screening of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"): 5:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville; free; 429-5141 or www.stpaulswels.org

SUNDAY

Monday Musical Club's 89th annual Holiday Vesper Service: 3:45 p.m., livestreamed at boxcast.tv/view/monday-musical-vespers-837182; free; www.mmcmi.org

Children's Music Workshop hosts Virtual Visits with Santa: 4-6 p.m., online via Zoom; free, but donations accepted; limited space, registration required; www.facebook.com/events/215546099953063

Chris Behre: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Peter Pan: 5:10 p.m. (watch party), 7 p.m. (talkback session with starring actress Cathy Rigby); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Tree lighting and Christmas singalong: 6 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph; free; 556-7000 or www.peacelutheranstjoe.org

TUESDAY

Friends of New Buffalo Library present Ryan Postema (talk on plants and animals in Southwest Michigan): 7 p.m., online via Zoom; free; new.buffalo.fol@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus: 1 p.m., online via North Berrien Historical Museum's Facebook page; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org, www.facebook.com/NorthBerrienHistory

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

The Bergamot's holiday concert watch party: 8 p.m., online via The Acorn Theater's YouTube page; free; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org, www.youtube.com/c/theAcorn

DEC. 11

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or vineyard2121.com

The Crawpuppies: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or fourwindscasino.com

DEC. 12

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Kinky Boots: 4:50 p.m. (watch party), 7 p.m. (talkback session with choreographer Jerry Mitchell); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

HiFi: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Christmas at The Acorn with Bryan Lubeck and Ted Yoder: 8 p.m., livestreamed via The Acorn Theater's Facebook page; free; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org, www.facebook.com/AcornTheater

Langdon Kennedy: 8-11 p.m., Dockside Dan's Bar & Grill, 94376 CR 690, Sister Lakes; 424-5434 or www.docksidedans.com

DEC. 13

The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Winter Concert Series presents "Beethoven's 250th Anniversary" (student recital): 2 p.m., and **"A Cozy, Wintry Concert" with Lily Arbisser Shorr and Noah Palmer:** 5 p.m., online; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

Harbor Country Singers Christmas singalong: 3 p.m., Sawyer Highlands Church, 13100 Red Arrow Highway; 6 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free, limited space; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com/hcs

Children's Music Workshop hosts Virtual Visits with Santa: 4-6 p.m., online via Zoom; free, but donations accepted; limited space, registration required; www.facebook.com/events/215546099953063

Jim Cooper: 4-6 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or harborlightbrewing.com

Just for Fun Entertainment presents Christmas in the Heartland with Tim Dudley, Sid Ottman and Jeff Roberts: 4:30 p.m., Amvets Post 1978, 1117 E. Bertrand Road, Niles; $10, limited seating; 574-229-6695 or 362-4908

Jason Murphy: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

ART EXHIBITS

2020 Pop-Up Gift Market: through Sunday, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

South Haven Center for the Arts' 35th Annual Mistletoe Market (virtual): through Dec. 23; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org/virtual

2020 Members Show: through Jan. 16, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"You Won't Part With Yours Either: Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar, 1957-1969": through Jan. 20; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and **"Shelter-in-Place"** (virtual and in-person by appointment): through Jan. 24, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "76 Days": $12; **"Harry Chapin: When in Doubt, Do Something":** $4.99 for 14-day rental; **"Blindfire":** $11 for 5 days; **"Citizens of the World":** $10; **"Chuck Leavell: The Tree Man":** $12; **"Radium Girls":** $12 for 7 days; **"Martin Eden":** $12 for 5 days; **"The Keeper":** $12; **"Herb Alpert Is":** $12, Vickers Theatre; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Light Up the Bluff: all day, Saturday through Feb. 14, Lake Bluff Park, Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

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hp SPORTS

Source: U-M football had at least 12 positive COVID cases

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Michigan canceled this weekend's game against Maryland because it had at least 12 positive COVID-19 cases within the football program, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The size of the outbreak has not been disclosed by the school and the person spoke to The AP only on condition of anonymity.

The person did not know the number of players, coaches and staff members who were among the positive cases from testing on Sunday and Monday, nor did the person know how many players and coaches might be affected by contact tracing quarantine protocols.

While outbreaks have disrupted more than 100 games across major college football since late August, the problems with the Wolverines are being closely watched in part because they could put next week's rivalry game at No. 3 Ohio State in jeopardy.

Ohio State (4-0) has missed two games already in this pandemic-shortened season because of COVID-19 issues.

One more would leave the Buckeyes unable to reach a conference-mandated minimum to be eligible for the Big Ten championship game and potentially hurt their resume for a playoff berth.

Earlier this week, coach Jim Harbaugh said team meetings would be conducted virtually after an increased number of presumptive positive COVID-19 tests. The game against the Terrapins was canceled Wednesday; like Ohio State, Maryland has had two games canceled because of the virus.

On Wednesday night, Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel strongly rebuked any notion that the Wolverines (2-4) would try to avoid facing rival Ohio State on Dec. 12, a game in which the Buckeyes would be heavily favored. Harbaugh is 0-5 as a coach against the Buckeyes.

Michigan has paused in-person football activities until at least Monday. Ohio State resumed in-person football activities this week ahead of Saturday's game at Michigan State.

Spartans brace for return to field of No. 3 Ohio State

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

The first step for No. 3 Ohio State is showing up.

If the Buckeyes can do that, they have to like their chances of reaching another Big Ten title game.

Right now the biggest question isn't whether Ohio State can win out – it's whether each of its last two regular-season games will be played. If so, then the Buckeyes will have the six games needed to be eligible for the conference championship game. It's going to be a close call, however, after last weekend's coronavirus-related cancellation against Illinois.

That was the second game Ohio State has missed during this truncated season. The Buckeyes have two left: Saturday at Michigan State and then the following weekend against Michigan.

The Big Ten requires six games for a team to be eligible for the title game, unless the average across the whole league falls below six – a possibility that seems remote at the moment. Ohio State (4-0, all Big Ten) missed a Nov. 14 game because of an outbreak at Maryland. Then the virus hit the Buckeyes.

First Ohio State announced that coach Ryan Day tested positive. Then the school voluntarily canceled the game at Illinois because of positive tests. The team was allowed to resume full practices this Tuesday afternoon – but without Day. Ohio State hasn't done any media availability this week.

If the Buckeyes are able to take the field, they'll face a Michigan State team coming off an upset victory over another previously undefeated team. The Spartans (2-3) beat then-No. 11 Northwestern last weekend.

"It definitely helps coming off a good game last week," Michigan State quarterback Rocky Lombardi said. "We've got a little bit more momentum. The team is feeling better. Any advantage we can have, we'll take it."

Familiar feel

Michigan State safety Xavier Henderson would love to beat Ohio State this week. He's from the Columbus, Ohio area.

"It definitely means something, especially being from right outside Columbus. It's insane how they love their football in Columbus. It's ridiculous," Henderson said. "We're always going to play with a chip on our shoulder, and I think maybe that chip might grow even more this week."

History

Michigan State has defeated Ohio State five times when the Buckeyes were in the AP top five – Ohio State was No. 5 in 1972, No. 1 in 1974, No. 1 in 1998, No. 2 in 2013 and No. 2 in 2015.

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Notre Dame's George Takacs (85) gets past North Carolina's Tyrone Hopper (42) but is stopped short of a touchdown during the fourth quarter of a Nov. 27 game.

Goal remains the same

No. 2 Irish hope to build ACC, CFP resume against Orange

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — The script has been rewritten off and on for No. 2 Notre Dame in a year dominated by the pandemic, but the overall goal remains the same for Brian Kelly and his team: win two championships.

The Fighting Irish (9-0, CFP No. 2) ended 131 years as a football independent to join the Atlantic Coast Conference for this season, can earn their ninth ACC victory Saturday against Syracuse (1-9, 1-8 ACC). The game is at Notre Dame Stadium, where the Irish have won 23 straight.

Kelly knows Notre Dame, riding the nation's longest winning streak at 15, needs to take care of business against coach Dino Babers' youthful Orange before it looks to its future later this month. There is the ACC title game Dec. 19 and there is a possible berth in the College Football Playoff.

"I think the most important thing for us is to carry on the play that we exhibited in the second half of the game against North Carolina," Kelly said of last week's 31-17 victory in Chapel Hill.

Notre Dame fifth-year quarterback Ian Book orchestrated two second-half touchdown drives while the Irish defense limited Tar Heels quarterback Sam Howell and his weapons to 78 yards and no points in the final 30 minutes.

"Arguably our best two quarters of the season will be what we talk about all week in our preparation," Kelly said.

Earlier this week, the ACC announced Notre Dame would not have to play its re-scheduled Dec. 12 game at Wake Forest, giving the Irish a week to get healthy and prepare for its ACC title game opponent – either No. 4 Clemson or No. 9 Miami.

Kelly said Thursday the announcement didn't change his team's approach.

"It's really about preparing and putting together the kind of performance that needs to be consistent if you are really entertaining thoughts about being a championship football team," he said.

Babers knows what awaits his rebuilding Orange, with nearly three of every four players are in their first two years of eligibility.

"The way (Book) keeps plays alive is amazing," Babers said. "No one has run the ball against Notre Dame. We know where we're at, and we get to lace them up one more time."

Irish mystique

Notre Dame and Syracuse have met nine times, the last time in 2018 at Yankee Stadium when the unbeaten Irish romped 36-3 late.

"I'm glad we got to play those guys again," said Syracuse senior wide receiver Nykeim Johnson, who had two receptions in the game. "Definitely going to be on a big stage."

Syracuse, a 34-point underdog Saturday, won on its last visit to Notre Dame, 24-23, late in 2008.

Growing pains

Syracuse is surrendering 453.5 yards and 31.5 points per game But not all is grim.

During last week's 36-29 home loss to N.C. State, the Orange 3-3-5 defense started six freshmen. Syracuse forced two turnovers and has a nation's best 22 with 12 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries. Sophomore linebacker Mikel Jones has four interceptions and two recoveries.

"They're athletic, they're fast, they play with toughness, they take the football away … they get your attention," Kelly said.

Airing it out

Despite freshman Sean Tucker's 525 team-leading rushing yards, Syracuse only averages 78.3 yards per game on the ground, 250.4 yards overall and 17.5 points per game. Last week, Syracuse quarterback Rex Culpepper threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns against N.C. State. Junior receiver Taj Harris had a career day with 13 receptions for 146 yards and one score.

Notre Dame defensive coordinator Clark Lea, who coached linebackers at Syracuse from 2013-15, has the No. 10 overall defense (85.3 rushing yards, 303.4 total yards, 16.7 points).

Wishful thinking

Babers can only wish he had Notre Dame's rushing attack. Led by sophomore Kyren Williams (No. 7 nationally with 901 yards), Notre Dame averages 229.7 yards per game (16th) thanks to its impressive offensive line led by tackle Liam Eichenberg and guard Aaron Banks and a quartet of blocking tight ends.

"They line up next to each other and they look like a bunch of redwood trees blocking out the sun," Babers said.

James gang

NBA superstar Lebron James tweeted at Williams after the Irish running back imitated James' celebratory "Silencer" move following Notre Dame's clinching final touchdown drive which Williams started with a 47-yard run and ended with a 1-yard TD dive.

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Former Chicago Cubs outfielder Kyle Schwarber drives in two runs with a double to deep right center field off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Blake Cederlind during the eighth inning of a Sept. 21 game.

Cubs non-tender Schwarber, Almora Jr.

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr. became free agents Wednesday when the Chicago Cubs declined to offer contracts to two key players from their historic 2016 World Series championship.

While Schwarber, Almora, slugger José Martínez and pitcher Ryan Tepera were non-tendered, the Cubs offered 2021 contracts to infielders Kris Bryant and Javier Báez, catchers Willson Contreras and Victor Caratini, and outfielder Ian Happ. They agreed to one-year deals with relievers Kyle Ryan ($800,000 in majors, $250,000 in minors), Colin Rea ($702,500) and Dan Winkler ($900,000), avoiding arbitration with all three.

Chicago also announced it had claimed reliever Robert Stock off waivers from the Boston Red Sox. The 31-year-old right-hander was designated for assignment last week.

Wednesday's non-tender deadline was the first major look at the state of the Cubs since Jed Hoyer was promoted to president of baseball operations last month, replacing Theo Epstein. While the Cubs held onto All-Star sluggers Bryant, Báez, and Contreras, those players could still be on the move this winter via trade if the club looks to cut more payroll.

Schwarber quickly became a fan favorite in Chicago upon arrival, flashing tape-measure power at the plate. He also played in the 2016 World Series after missing most of the season with a left knee injury.

Almora was selected by Chicago with the No. 6 overall pick in the 2012 amateur draft, and Schwarber went fourth overall in 2014

The 27-year-old Schwarber, a converted catcher, stumbled during the pandemic-shortened season, batting .188 with 11 homers in 59 games for the NL Central champions. But he set career highs with 38 homers, 92 RBIs and a .250 batting average in 155 games in 2019.

Almora, 26, is a solid defender in center field and a .271 hitter in 489 career games. But he batted just .167 in 28 games last season.

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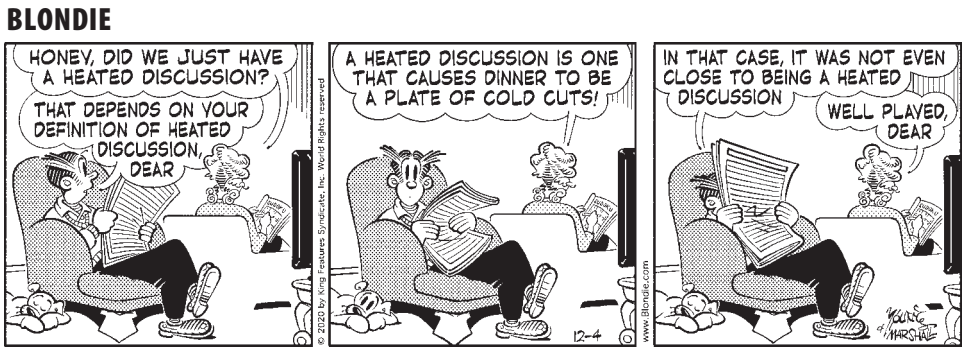
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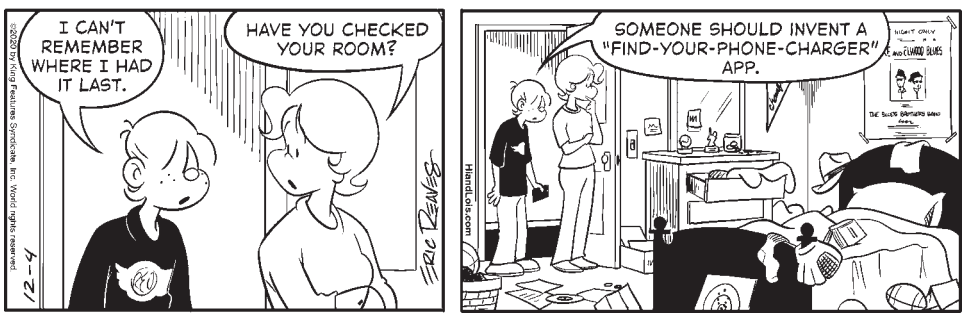
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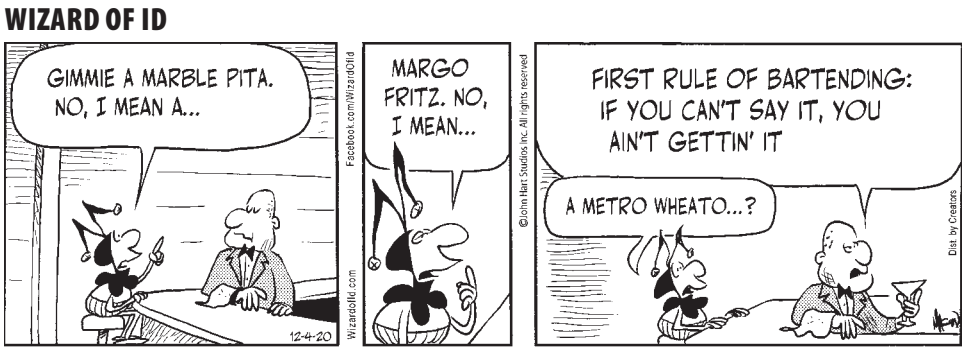
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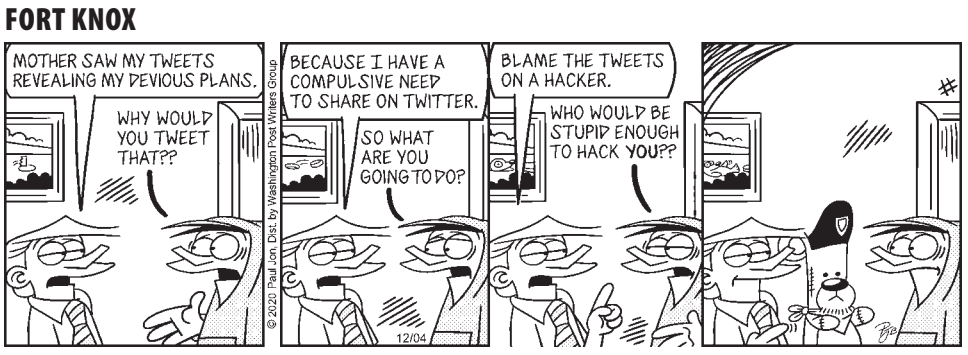
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BECAUSE I HAVE A COMPULSIVE NEED TO SHARE ON TWITTER.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
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BLAME THE TWEETS ON A HACKER.
WHO WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO HACK YOU??

PICKLES

DOES IT FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS TO YOU?
NOPE.
ME NEITHER. TO ME IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS UNTIL THE DECORATIONS ARE UP.
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BUT FOR SOME REASON I'M NOT FEELING IT THIS YEAR.
IF THAT TREE FALLS, I THINK YOU'LL FEEL IT.
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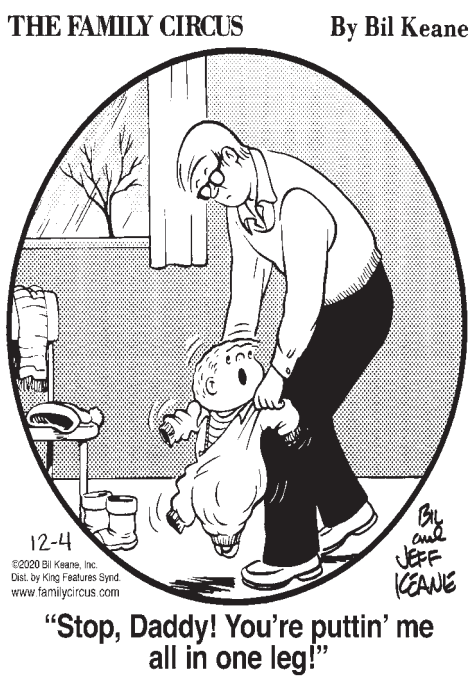
FAMILY CIRCUS



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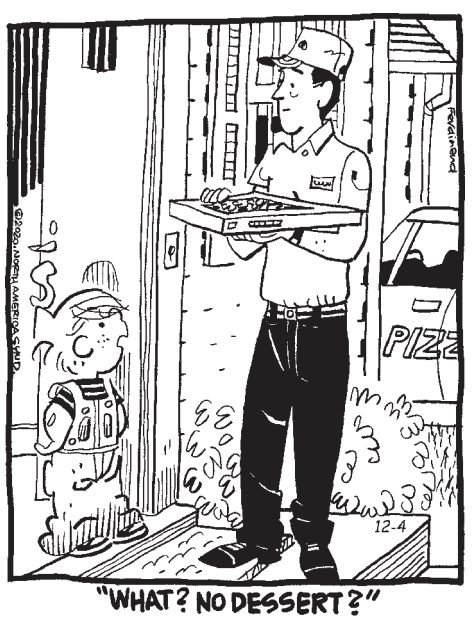

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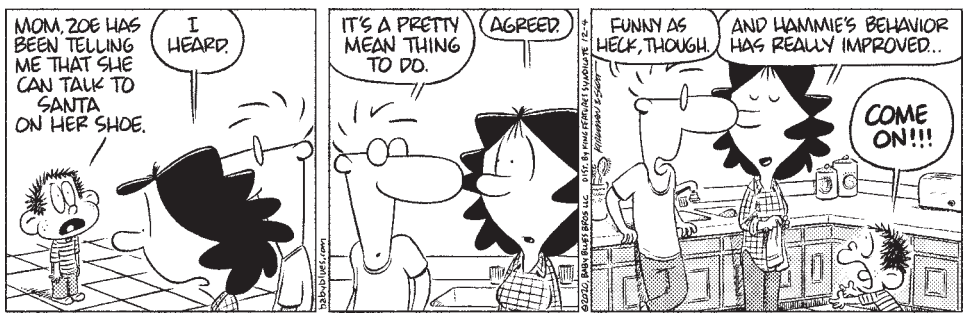
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I HEARD.
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IT'S A PRETTY MEAN THING TO DO.
AGREED.
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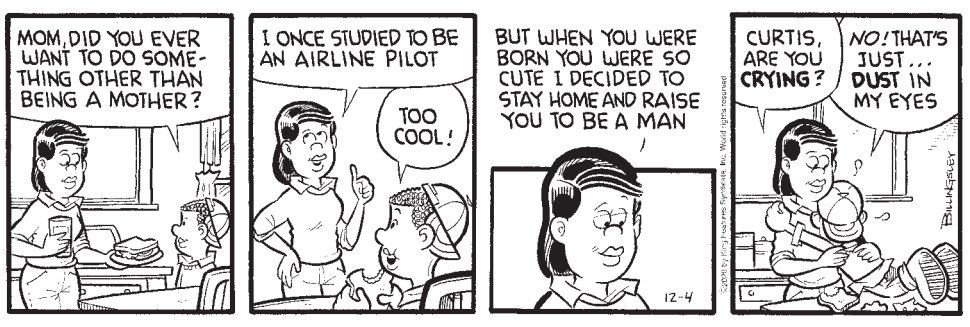
FUNNY AS HECK, THOUGH.
AND HAMMIE'S BEHAVIOR HAS REALLY IMPROVED...
COME ON!!!

CURTIS


MOM, DID YOU EVER WANT TO DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN BEING A MOTHER?
I ONCE STUDIED TO BE AN AIRLINE PILOT
TOO COOL!
BUT WHEN YOU WERE BORN YOU WERE SO CUTE I DECIDED TO STAY HOME AND RAISE YOU TO BE A MAN
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CURTIS, ARE YOU CRYING?
NO! THAT'S JUST... DUST IN MY EYES
BILLINGSLEY

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I JUST FOUND OUT THAT MY MOM KNOWS SEÑORA O'MALLEY.
THE SPANISH TEACHER?
12-4 SCOTTIANA BORGSMAN
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YES! AND THEY'RE HAVING LUNCH TOGETHER!
SO?
SO THEY'LL PROBABLY SPEND THE WHOLE HOUR TALKING ABOUT ME!
I'M NOT SURE THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE.
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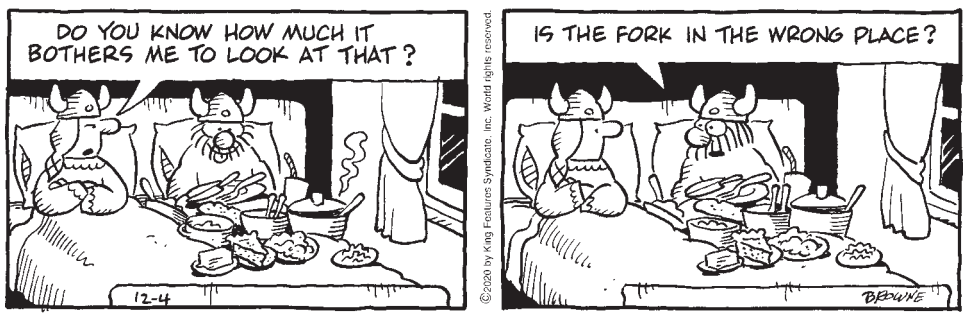
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT BOTHERS ME TO LOOK AT THAT?
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IS THE FORK IN THE WRONG PLACE?
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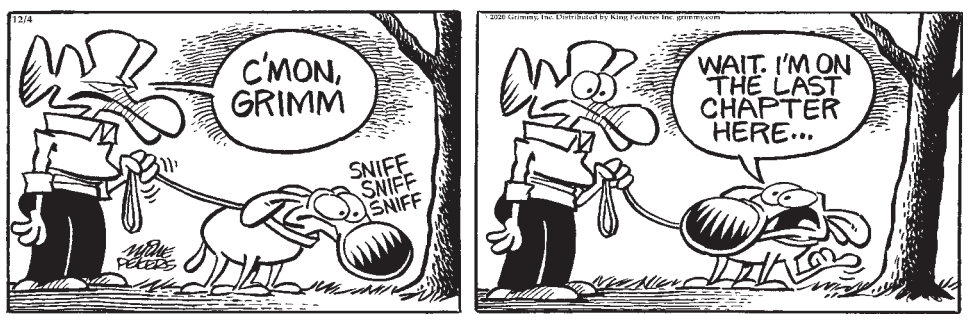
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM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C'MON, GRIMM
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
MIKE PETERS
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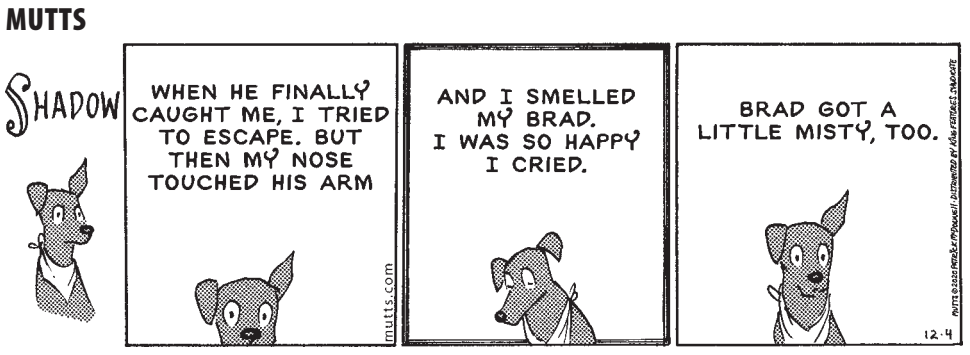
WAIT. I'M ON THE LAST CHAPTER HERE...

MUTTS


SHADOW
WHEN HE FINALLY CAUGHT ME, I TRIED TO ESCAPE. BUT THEN MY NOSE TOUCHED HIS ARM
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AND I SMELLED MY BRAD. I WAS SO HAPPY I CRIED.
BRAD GOT A LITTLE MISTY, TOO.
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SALLY FORTH

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KEEFE
WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN DECORATING THIS TREE FOR 11 DAYS NOW?
BECAUSE WE EACH KEEP TAKING TURNS SAYING, "THAT'S IT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!" AND WALKING AWAY FOR AN HOUR.

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ST. JOSEPH HERALD-PRESS
WAR DECLARED!
HOUSE PASSES STATE OF WAR RESOLUTION
The Herald-Palladium
Terrorists strik
Washington, NY
Pentagon also hit by hijacked airplane, and another plane crashes in Pennsylvania

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING DEC. 4

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver ((SP)) (N) CC		Magnum P.I. "Double Jeopardy" CC		Blue Bloods ((SP)) (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "Live Top 17 Results" CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washington Week	Magic Moments: The Best of 50s Pop Musicians perform. CC				Fascism in Europe
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Hollywood Christmas Parade Greatest Moments (N) CC				News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "Deep in the Woods" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Monster"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The Hollywood Christmas Parade Greatest Moments (N) CC				King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Sound of Silence"		Highway to Heaven "It's a Dog's Life"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48: My First Case (N) CC		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 12.04.20" (N) CC			
AMC	Groundhog Day	★★★ Scrooged ('88) Bill Murray. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.				★★ Fred Claus ('07) CC	
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)			
BET	Nutty 2	★★ Boomerang ('92) Eddie Murphy, Halle Berry. CC					
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. CC			
Bravo	Tokyo Drift	★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC				★★ Fast & Furious ('09) CC	
Cartoon	Teen	The Elf	Elf Pets	Burgers	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	Bangkok Dngr	:15 ★ The Kitchen ('19) Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish. (P). CC				Warrior ((F)) (N) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Empires of New York		Empires of New York		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Jim Gaffigan: Quality Time			Jim Gaffigan: Quality Time		
Discovery	:00 Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N) CC					
Disney	Despica	Holiday Magic Quest		Zombies: Addison's Moonstone Mystery			
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:05 ★ Killers ('10) Ashton Kutcher.				:20 ★★★ Knocked Up		
ESPN	Women's College Basketball			College Football Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	:00 College Football Louisiana at Appalachian State.					E60	SC Feat.
ESPNC	:00 College Football					College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spartans	College Hockey Minnesota at Michigan State. (N) (L)					Spartans
Freefrm	:10 ★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ('06) CC			:15 ★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ('00) Jim Carrey. CC			
FX	Kung Fu Panda 3	★★★ Trolls ('16, Children's) Voices of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake. CC				★★★ Trolls ('16, Children's) CC	
Golf	LPGA Golf		PGA Tour Golf Mayakoba Golf Classic, Second Round.				
Hallmark	Christmas in	A Nashville Christmas Carol ('20, Romance) Jessy Schram, Wes Brown. CC				A Christmas Tree Grows in Colorado	
HBO	6:10 True Grit	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel		★★★ Misery ('90, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates. (P). CC			
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		:03 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Christmas		Martha	Martha
Learning	Chantel	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way				90 Day	Chantel
Lifetime	Christmas List	Too Close for Christmas ('20) Chad Michael Murray. (P). CC				:05 Feliz NaviDAD ('20) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Football	White Sox Rewind					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Fantasy Live		NFL GameDay View	
Nick	To Be Announced		Sponge.	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends
NGEO	Beltway	Unabomber: History		Skyjacker		Bonnie and Clyde	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N)		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide for the Holidays	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ The Italian Job ('03) CC				★★ Four Brothers ('05)		
Showtime	Shameless	Shameless Fiona taps into her roots.		Macho: The Hector Camacho Story (N) CC			Full Metal Jacket
Starz	Zombieland	★★ Bad Boys for Life ('20, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. CC				:07 The Spanish Princess "Peace"	
STZENC	:19 ★★ Take Me Home Tonight ('11) Topher Grace. CC			★★ The Beach ('00, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton. CC			
SyFy	6:30 ★★ Twilight ('08) Kristen Stewart. (P). CC			:05 ★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09) Kristen Stewart. (P). CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	★★★★ A Christmas Story ('83) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. CC (DVS)				★★ Jingle All the Way ('96) CC	
TCM	Wallflower	★★ Moonfleet ('55, Action) Stewart Granger. CC			:45 ★★ Africa Screams ('49) Bud Abbott, Lou Costello.		
TMC	The Cooler	Olympic Dreams ('19) Nick Kroll, Alexi Pappas. CC			★★★ Don Jon ('13) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Solo: A Star Wars Story ('18) Alden Ehrenreich.					
Travel	Paranorm.	The Osbournes Want to Believe (N) CC				Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Infection, Part III"		Chicago P.D. Locals won't talk to police.		:02 Chicago P.D. "False Positive"	
VH1	Grease	★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. CC					Pretty
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Wearing a mask continues to be our best defense against COVID-19

DEAR DOCTORS: Can you please explain about masks again? Why do we need them, what kind should we wear, and what is the proper way to wear them? It would really help me to explain to my friends and family so they can be safer.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: We continue to get letters from all parts of the country asking these same questions. We've written about masks before, but new information often takes repetition to sink in. It also takes time for new habits to take hold. We're happy to do a recap for those of you who are still unsure about the why and how of using a mask during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now that we have learned so much more about how this particular coronavirus spreads, wearing a mask turns out to be a crucial part of protecting our families and communities. The bottom line is that you wear a mask to keep your breath to yourself. Research shows that the main way this virus travels is via the droplets and aerosols we emit when we sneeze, cough, speak and sing, and even when we breathe. When you wear a mask, you create a barrier that catches some of these particles and limits the distance your breath can travel. Combine that with the 6-foot buffer zone we have come to know as social distancing, and the odds of transmission are significantly reduced.

Even if you're not worried about the coronavirus on your own behalf, you can be sure that there are vulnerable people all around you. This one simple habit – which, let's face it, isn't a real burden for the majority of us – can literally save a life. In fact, the life you save may be your own. The latest research shows that a good mask, worn properly, can also help to protect the person who is wearing it.

A mask works by providing a network of fibers that both slow the force of an exhale and capture respiratory droplets. The closer the weave, the more effective the filtering effect of the mask. Tightly woven cotton masks with multiple layers are more efficient than looser fabrics, such as a scarf or a bandanna. The nonwoven materials of the N-95 masks are the most effective. Shape and fit also play an important role. A good mask has a snug but comfortable fit without any gaps around the perimeter. It fits over the nose and under the chin, and it leaves enough space around the nose and mouth for easier breathing. Masks with valves don't slow or trap any aerosols and, therefore, do not protect the people around you.

When you breathe out through a mask, the fibers capture many of the droplets you generate. The rest travel a much shorter distance than they would in a maskless exhale. When someone wearing a mask exhales near you, the load of aerosols headed your way is reduced. If they do reach you, your own mask filters them, again reducing the number of particles that reach you. When everyone wears a mask, we're working together to reduce one another's level of risk.

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Stepgrandma digs in on lack of blood relationship

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm a divorcée with two kids. I am with an amazing man I'm marrying once it is safe and responsible to do so.

He loves and cherishes these kids as if they were his own. I get along famously with his mother, and she adores the kids. She engages with them even more than my own parents do.

Carolyn Hax

When the kids are in bed, though, or when we are visiting without them, she continually expresses that she really isn't their grandmother. That she never will be because they aren't "blood." It is always, "blood is more important."

I come from a family that has lots of divorce and remarriage. I have grandparents I would never consider "not my grandparents" because they don't meet this "blood" requirement. I have "blood" grandparents I never knew.

She has been pushing us both to have children together, but we are in our 40s, don't want the kiddos to feel we are replacing them, don't feel we can handle the financial burden of more children and don't want to be in our 60s when these hypothetical children graduate from high school.

We are both baffled about her digging in on the subject. We have tried many, many times to explain they don't understand the difference and won't remember a time without her. She is unwilling to accept it.

I'm afraid she will let this slip, that they aren't as important as her biological granddaughter. They will be devastated. I'm at a loss. – More Than Blood

DEAR MORE THAN BLOOD: This sounds like two problems, actually – that she wants you two to have another child and dwells on the "not blood" thing in making her argument for that.

I can't defend her position on either one of these. Pressuring people to produce children resides near the top of my Oh Hell No list, as does applying a tiered-value system to children (by DNA or whatever else) as if they're seats in a stadium.

It's not clear, however, that either of these really broken viewpoints actively needs to be fixed.

She will have to drop the first one eventually, when you can no longer conceive children (assuming you even can now). So don't be shy about accelerating that bit of inevitability on her behalf: "It is not happening, and I know you're disappointed, but it's final and not open for discussion anymore."

You can say this with an abundance of kindness and sympathy while not budging a millimeter.

You can also trim that to, "We can't." That your "can't" is financial, where typically people think biological, is both immaterial and not her business. Can't is can't, and yours to cite without apology.

The second problem is one that time might handle better than you can. If you hadn't explicitly corrected her misconceptions, then I'd say to do so, warmly and emphatically. But you've done it, and she still has hopes and fears.

So starve the hopes and let the bond she's nurturing with your kids – and time, and patience – address her fears.

And remember, by your description, she's framing this as feeling lesser herself, that "*she* really isn't *their* grandmother" (my emphasis) – and doing beautiful things if not always saying them.

If she slips around your kids, then reassure them – she fears *she* matters less, not that they do.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

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ACROSS
1 Skater's jump
5 Several
8 Touch of frost
11 March sign
13 Tax shelter
14 Sonnet kin
15 Board
16 Mil. officer
17 Gold medal org.
18 The skinny
20 Some peers
22 Marvy
24 Cal. day
25 Distress
26 Fjord port
28 Chem rooms
32 Well-chosen
33 Have on
34 Ladder rung
35 Ms. Teasdale
37 Bush-whack
39 Ms. MacGraw
40 Zest for life
41 Follows closely
42 Set ablaze
43 Water-power org.
45 Giant rival
47 Basketball player
50 Guthrie of folk music
51 Road show org.
52 Petroleum
54 Telegraph code
58 Curved bone
59 Airport code for O'Hare
60 Go rancid
61 Sushi fish
62 Drop — — line
63 Egg part

DOWN
1 Splash against
2 Web addr.
3 Señorita's aunt
4 "The Prisoner of —"
5 Show of anger
6 Joule fraction
7 Irrigate
8 Roulette color
9 Megastar
10 They're above the abs
12 Schusser's conveyance (2 wds.)
19 Stone of note
21 Has the flu
22 Sherpa's country
23 Left over
24 Horse or cow
25 Bud holder
27 Zhivago's love
29 To any degree (2 wds.)
30 Gainsay
31 Kebab holder
36 Poker stake
38 Choir selections
44 Indy 500 sound
46 Viscous
47 Brusque
48 — Minor
49 Mongolian desert
50 "M*A*S*H" actor
53 Anger
55 Pooh's pal
56 — vous plait
57 Forest grazer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	O	M	P		L	B	S		X	R	A	Y
A	G	A	R		A	A	H		A	U	R	A
L	E	I	A		C	R	E	W	N	E	C	K
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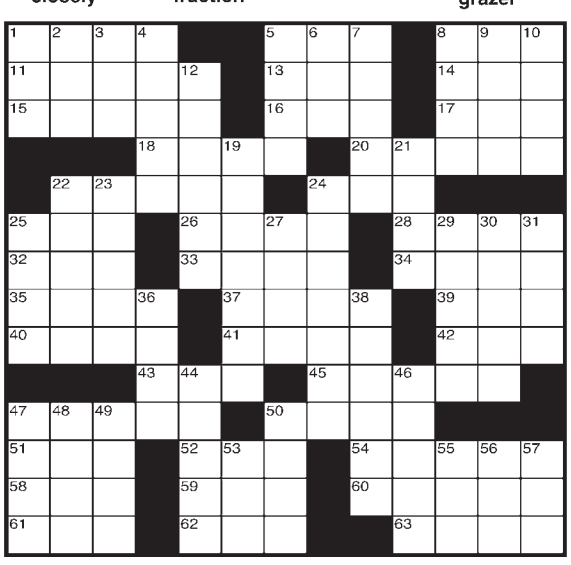

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SYUFS

EKRCE

CNOREF

NREUUS

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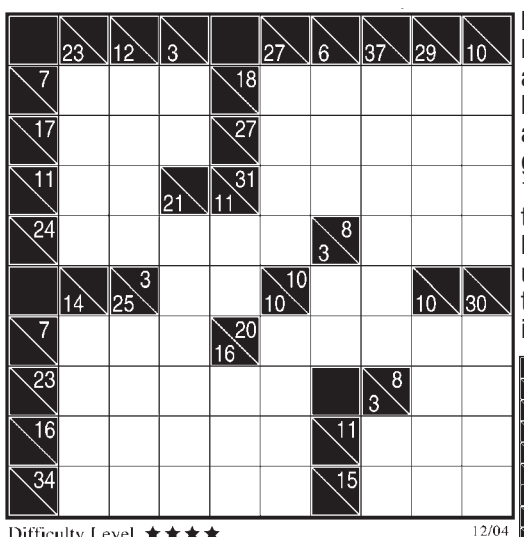
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE

(Answers tomorrow)

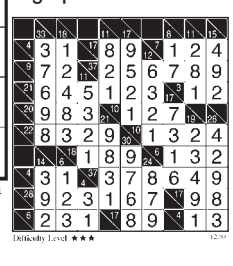
Yesterday's Jumbles: ROBIN CRANK ATRIUM FORBID
Answer: The ice skater hadn't quite mastered a figure eight yet, but she was on the — "BURR-RINK"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 12/04



BRIDGE

Beck, a musician, singer-songwriter and record producer, said, "I just go in the studio and write on the spot and see what comes out."

A bridge player goes to the table, pays careful attention to important spot cards and watches the tricks roll in. But sometimes it does require some imagination.

On today's deal, what happened in four spades after West led his singleton diamond?

Note South's jump to four spades. When partner makes a takeout double and you have positive values, jump (or cue-bid the opponent's suit with a really good hand). Remember, a simple bid promises 0 points.

When an opponent opens with a preempt and leads a different suit, that is a singleton. So, if declarer immediately plays a trump, East will take the trick and give his partner a diamond ruff. West will exit with a club and wait for two heart tricks – down one. Is there a chance for South to survive?

Declarer must remove West's free exit card. South cashes his club king, leads a club to the ace and ruffs dummy's last club in his hand. Then he plays a trump to East's ace. If East gives his partner a ruff, West is endplayed, forced to open hearts and donate South a trick with his king.

Instead, East must lead the heart queen (or heart nine). If South plays low, East then gives his partner the diamond ruff. So South covers the queen with his king. West wins and must hope that he can get his partner back on lead. West returns a low heart, hoping partner has the nine (or queen) – success!

North 12-04-20
♠ K J 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q J 5
♣ A 10 3

West
♠ 5 3
♥ A J 10 7 6 4 2
♦ 2
♣ 9 8 4

East
♠ A 2
♥ Q 9
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ Q J 7 6 2

South
♠ Q 10 8 7 4
♥ K 3
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ K 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	3♥	Dbl.	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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LEGALS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

FILE NO.
2020-0753-DE-R

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of:
Betty Goodman
Date of Birth:
04/26/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Betty Goodman, died 03/09/2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Marcy Petroshus, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, 4th Floor, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11/24.20

Attorney:
Douglas J. Brackmann
P-40885
6439 28th Avenue
Hudsonville, MI 49426
616-669-8185
Personal Representative:
Marcy Petroshus
3387- 102nd Ave
Gobles, MI 49055
269-673-5158

LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

FILE NO.
2020-0778-GA-R

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Mildred Sexton

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Linda Wheeler and Adult Children of Mildred Sexton

whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on December 22, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. at 811 Port St. St. Joseph, MI 49085 before Judge Brian S. Berger P34678.
for the following purpose:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Incapacitated Individual

Date: November 30, 2020

Attorney:
Michael J. Lebenbom P48775
2701 Troy Center Drive, Suite 450
Troy, MI 248-362-9699

Petitioner:
Jacquelyn Barney on behalf of West Woods of Bridgman
9935 Red Arrow Hwy
Bridgman, MI 49106
269-465-3017

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Benton Harbor's Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 East Wall Street on proposed amendments to the City of Benton Harbor's zoning ordinance relative to the Marihuana Adult Use Establishments Ordinance. In the event that Public Act 228 of 2020 is extended due to COVID-19, the public hearing / meeting will be conducted virtually. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us.

The draft ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI.; between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may request to obtain a copy of the draft

LEGALS

ordinance by contacting City Clerk Thompson via email kthompson@bhcity.us or telephone 269-927-8408. Additionally, written comments can be submitted via email to kthompson@bhcity.us or delivered to the drop box in front of City Hall, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan. The deadline for submission is Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Benton Harbor does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to public meetings. Auxiliary aids or services will be made available for assistance of individuals with speech, vision, hearing or other impairments if the City of Benton Harbor is provided with notice not less than one week (7) days prior to the meeting time. Individuals desiring such assistance should contact the City Clerk at 269-927-8408.

All interested parties are urged to attend.

Kimberly Thompson,
Benton Harbor
City Clerk
12/02/2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE

St. Joseph, MI
I am reaching out to the community for photos and videos of my daughter, Robinette Greening when she attended gymnastics between 1982-1987 at Southwest Michigan Gymnats. Robin passed away 3 yrs ago from cancer. Her daughter is now 6 and interested in gymnastics. Contact by email: ontherun2_00@yahoo.com

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The City of South Haven is seeking a Senior Equipment Operator in our Water/Sewer division. Individuals with one or more years of experience in the operation of power-driven equipment, including pay loader, snowplow, street sweeper, backhoe and other equipment are encouraged to apply. Must have good driving record, high school diploma or equivalent, possess valid Michigan driver's license and be able to obtain a CDL within 9 months of hire. To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources. Deadline for application is Dec 18. EOE

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GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

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Dec 3rd 4th & 5th
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Large Vehicles $350
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Goshen, IN
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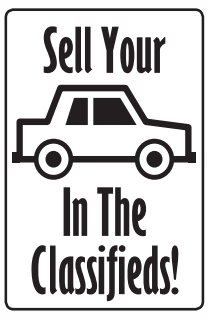

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Use your intelligence and common sense when dealing with persuasive individuals. You have plenty to gain this year if you are smart, articulate and dare to follow your heart. Make this a year to remember, and be proud of your achievements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Home improvements will turn out well and set the stage for family fun. Turn uncertainty into confidence, and make decisions that will bring you the joy and happiness you deserve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An emotional incident will surface if you are insensitive. Listen to what's being said, and be mindful of the way others feel. A change you make will change the way you are treated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can improve your position, status and reputation if you take charge and go after your goals. Set up interviews, offer proposals and use your persuasive charm to capture attention.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Avoid persuasive situations and people. Look out for your interests, and be secretive regarding your plans. Someone will offer unreliable information that will cause uncertainty and confusion. Protect your money, possessions and passwords.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't stop when there is so much you can do to make things better. Figure out the best way to use your skills, knowledge and wherewithal to help you bring about the changes that will make you happy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have a plan in place, but uncertainty will set in if emotional issues prevail. Take care of unfinished business before you move forward. Discuss options and be clear about where you stand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll have a better chance of getting your way if you are honest about your feelings and plans. Handle partnerships with care, and offer a straightforward approach to finding solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend more time cleaning up unfinished business and less time letting what's going on around you get you down. Focus on personal gains, a healthy lifestyle and easing stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take the initiative to get things done. Speak up and be heard. A leadership role can be yours. Be creative and respond to opposition with solutions, not with anger.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be mindful of those you live with, but don't let them get away with something that isn't right. Handle matters diplomatically. A positive change to a meaningful relationship will unfold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Gather facts that will help you make an informed decision. Check with experts, friends, family and peers, and consider what will serve you best. Welcome a partnership with a like-minded soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Look for a way to get things done without interference. A unique plan will strike an emotional chord with you and encourage you to do things differently. Verify information before you begin something.

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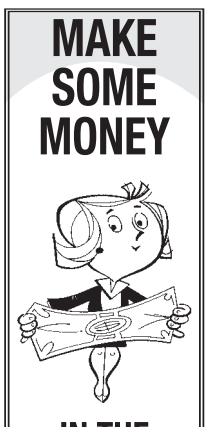

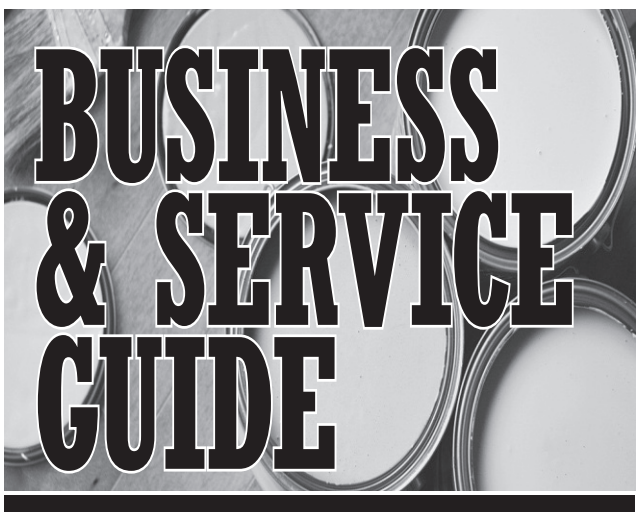

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OBITUARIES

Bruce William Ahrens

July 27, 1939 – Nov. 24, 2020

Bruce William Ahrens, 81, of Stevensville went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland.

Bruce was born July 27, 1939, in Salamanca, N.Y., the son of late Millicent and Adolph Ahrens. He was the oldest of nine siblings.

On Sept. 2, 1960, he married the love of his life, Eva Lee Piarulli, who preceded him in death after 54 years of marriage.

He graduated from Hornell High School, Hornell, N.Y. in 1956, and attended Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, N.Y.

Bruce had a diverse set of life skills and a great sense of adventure that allowed him to experience many different job opportunities. He did factory work, was athletic director for Boys and Girls Clubs of America in both Binghamton, N.Y. and Indianapolis, was co-owner of Fountain Industries, managed two bowling alleys, and worked for Meijer. Bruce retired from Meijer, Inc. management in 2002 after 22 years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, traveling, spending time with his family, and pampering his dog, Sherman.

Bruce lived out his love of Jesus, not only in his daily life, but volunteered, with his wife, Eve, at Wycliffe Associates for 10 winters in Florida, and one summer for Send International in Alaska. He also went on two mission trips to Brazil, volunteering with NAB partner, Chain of Love. He was very active in his local church. He served as a deacon, was on the mission board, taught VBS, and Awana. He was always willing to give his time and talents in serving others. He reflected his Savior in his love and generosity to others.

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Lee (Piarulli) Ahrens, son-in-law, Ronald Scott Claeys, and brothers: Bret Ahrens and Lew Ahrens.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law: Sharon and David Salewske of Cheboygan, Mich., daughter, Michelle Claeys of Stevensville; grandchildren: Nathan Claeys of Mishawaka, Nicole and Nathan Jones of Gaylord, Mich., Bailee and Will Jansma of DeMotte, Ind., Kersten Claeys of Stevensville; great-grandchildren: Cash and Sadie Jones and Sullivan Jansma; brothers: Judd (Kaye), Rex (Jane) and Mark (Pam); sisters: Polly (Joe) Hamilton, Marcia Ahrens and Christine (Ron) Cornell; brothers and sisters-in-law: John and Donna Poole, Steve and Mary Post, Bob and Ginny Slezak; many nephews; nieces; as well as grand-nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life service will be postponed until spring 2021 and will be held at Oakridge Community Church in St. Joseph. Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Cremation Society, Louisville, Ohio. Their website can be visited at: www.heritagecremationsociety.com.

In lieu of flowers, please make any memorial donations in Bruce's name to your favorite charity, or to: Oakridge Community Church, 766 Oakridge Drive, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

John William Adams

May 25, 1923 – July 4, 2020

John William "Bill" Adams, 97 years, died on the Fourth of July, 2020, at the Woodland Terrace in Bridgman. His family, in an effort to prevent the ubiquitous and virulent COVID-19 virus from entering the facility, was Skyping to his bedside when he died.

He was born in Maysville, Ky., on May 25, 1923, to John Henry and Frankie (née Montgomery) Adams.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Dorothy Margaret (née Weichhand) Adams, in February.

He is survived by his three sons: Michael William Adams, Stephen Lawrence Adams, M.D., and Gregory (Irmgard) Thomas Adams, Ph.D.; his four grandchildren: John Henry Adams, Ph.D., Stephan Helmut Adams, Michael Thomas Adams, and Christopher Joseph Adams; his sister-in-law Dolores (Priestle) Weichhand; and three nephews and a niece.

His brother-in-law, Harry Joseph Weichhand, preceded him in death; as did two nieces and a nephew.

As an only child, he grew up in Maysville, Ky., and Cincinnati, (Norwood/Deer Park). He graduated from St. Matthew's Grade School and Deer Park High School.

Proud of his military service, he joined the U.S. Army during World War II with the intent of becoming a pilot and was sent to Boston College for flight training as a member of the Army Specialized Training Unit with the Army Air Forces. Feeling toploftical after passing the eye exam, (he was bespectacledly worried that he would not qualify for pilot training because his "eyesight was not good enough"); he was then advised, at the very next station shortly thereafter, that he was "too tall to be a pilot"! During the surge in the war, he was sent to the battlefields of France. He was a member of the 26th Infantry in the Yankee Division of Patton's Army. Promoted to a squad leader on the battlefield, he also served as the Platoon's French translator. He recovered in an Army Field Hospital in France, and then England, and subsequently, San Antonio, for injuries sustained while in Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAMECM) for his service in battle in France and Germany.

After his honorable discharge, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati (mechanical engineering) and spent stints at the Crosley Corporation in Cincinnati and the Elgin Watch Company in Kentucky before beginning his career with the Whirlpool Corporation in Marion, Ohio, Danville, Ky., and St. Joseph. He finished his career as the corporate director of manufacturing engineering for the Whirlpool Corporation.

He was blessed with an unquestionably inquisitive mind. As a mechanical engineer, he would incessantly ponder the how and why of the way things work. At age 95, he wanted to use a hacksaw to cut an insulated coffee cup in half to "understand its thermodynamic properties." Amazingly, he died with all of his fingers intact.

He was kin to the Hatfields and the combination of his unforgettable heritage and his indelible memory made for some very never remissible times! Later in life, he was commissioned as a colonel by the governor of Kentucky in The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He was a wonderful and generous husband, father and grandfather. He doted on his wife throughout her final, difficult years, attending to her every need. He drove until he was 96, and he could often be seen helping her into the car to attend Mass with the schoolchildren at Lake Michigan Catholic, or to have dinner together while watching the setting of the sun over Lake Michigan. He was such a good sport that he even took his wife to their own, recently sold, home for her to buy items from her own estate sale!

He was kind to all, always had a pleasant word for anyone he met, and was willing, and able, to engage anyone in conversation. He loved all animals, and would stop to pet any, and every, member of the canid subfamily Caninae walking down the street.

In accordance with his wishes, he has been cremated and a private Latin Mass of Christian Burial has been held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Bridgman, with the Rev. Arthur Howard as celebrant.

A Funeral Mass for both him and his wife will also be held at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Mt. Washington, Ohio, where they were married well over seven decades ago (and they said it would never last…).

Interment will take place in the family plot in Mother of God Cemetery in Covington, Ky.

In lieu of donations or flowers, the family requests that prayers and intriguing queries be sent to heaven. He will certainly be there to spice up heaven and offer sage advice to any, and every, Blessed Soul.

Death notices

Bruce William Ahrens, 81, of Stevensville died Nov. 24, 2020, at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland.

Douglas C. "Doug" Allen, 69, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 2, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Richard Allan Gavril, 81, of Park City, Utah, died Dec. 2, 2020. Utah Simple Cremations.

Terrance "Terry" A. Hafer, 79, of Stevensville died Nov. 24, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Angelina D. Kapalczynski, 89, of St. Joseph died Nov. 29, 2020, at Caretel Inn. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450,

Tony W. Morris, 49, of Niles died Nov. 29, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Barbara A. Murray, 80, of Bangor died Nov. 25, 2020, at her winter home in Lake Placid, Fla. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bangor, 427-7551.

James "Jim" Michael Rodell, 74, of Eau Claire died Dec. 2, 2020. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Jimmy Vickery, 65, of Stevensville died Dec. 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph,

Terrance A. Hafer

Feb. 24, 1941 – Nov. 24, 2020

Terrance "Terry" A. Hafer, 79, of Stevensville passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date, however, memorial contributions may be made to Stevensville American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Rd., Stevensville, MI 49127. Those wishing to leave an online contribution may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Terry was born on Feb. 24, 1941, in Benton Harbor to Arthur and Dora (Hodul) Hafer. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1959. Terry then attended Ferris State University, where he earned an associate's degree in graphic arts (printing) in 1961.

He enlisted into the U.S. Army in 1963, and served his country for two years before he was honorably discharged in 1965. For more than 20 years, Terry worked for the U.S. Postal Service in St. Joseph, as a clerk before his retirement in 2004.

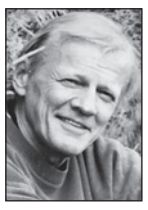
Terry was a member of the Stevensville American Legion and Benton Harbor Elks Lodge. He was an accomplished bowler who won many awards for his bowling achievements. He also enjoyed playing golf and getting drinks with his friends.

Terry is survived by his children: Chad (Pauline) Hafer of Grand Blanc, Mich., Karra Hafer of St. Joseph; and grandchildren: Jarra Hafer, Chase Hafer, Arianna Hafer and Cameron Hills.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents: Arthur and Dora Hafer; siblings: Bruce Hafer and Marlys Felgner; and son, Dirk Hafer.

Richard Allan Gavril

Aug. 18, 1939 – Dec. 2, 2020



Richard Allan Gavril, 81, of Park City, Utah, passed away Dec. 2, 2020.

Son of Anne and Alphonso Gavrilovich, Rich was born on Aug. 18, 1939, in Benton Harbor. He grew up in River Rouge, (Detroit area) until age 6, when the family moved back to Benton Harbor. Fishing, mushroom hunting and swimming at Rocky Gap was how this energetic blonde spent his childhood summers.

He graduated as student body president at BHHS in 1957, then attended U of M, majoring in psychology/marketing. He pledged Delta Tau Delta where he met lifelong friends. This Wolverine thoroughly enjoyed his 50-year rivalry with Spartan alumni brother, Jim! After college, Rich moved to San Francisco to pursue an MBA.

He loved to travel the world, then eventually worked as an account executive in NYC. He had many close and dear friends he kept in contact with throughout his life. Rich later moved to Sedona, Ariz., where his love of hiking and spiritual nature could blossom. In his later years and up until a few months ago, he found joy in working at Deer Creek Ski Resort in Park City. Skiing, hiking and playing bridge with his buddies on off days kept him active and healthy.

He is survived by his sister, Anne Sila, and brother Jim Gavril; niece, Terri (Buddy) Springman; nephew, Allan (Rhonda) Herman; eight great-nieces and nephews; and, four great-great-nephews.

Rich has chosen cremation with no funeral service.

He was a beloved son, brother, uncle and loyal friend. Rich lived simply and loved deeply. His peaceful spirit will be greatly missed.

Please visit www.allanherman.com/richgavril for more information/photos/leave condolences.

James Michael Rodell

Aug. 13, 1946 – Dec. 2, 2020

James "Jim" Michael Rodell, 74, of Eau Claire passed away at his home Dec. 2, 2020.

Jim was born Aug. 13, 1946, in Benton Harbor to the late Victor and Leota (Robinson) Rodell. He grew up in Eau Claire, graduating from Eau Claire High School in 1965. He also attended Lake Michigan College.

He worked for IBM and Kodak as a customer service representative, retiring after nearly 25 years. After retirement he worked for Berrien RESA as a driver's license tester, and later was shop manager at Berrien Buggy in Berrien Springs.

Jim was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in April 1970, after serving in Germany and Vietnam. He enjoyed woodworking, riding motorcycles, decorating for Halloween and time spent outdoors. He also liked to cook outdoors, especially bacon.

On Sept. 14, 1968, he married the former Joan Kuzmicz in Holy Cross Catholic Church, South Bend. She survives, along with daughters: Julie Rodell of Mishawaka and Jaclyn Otis of Byron Center, Mich.; granddaughters: Kelsey (Brandon) Smith, Cheyanne Rodell and Lindsay Otis; seven great-grandchildren; and brother, Dennis Rodell of Coloma.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Brian and Robert.

Per his request, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or services at this time. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, is assisting the family. Messages and memories may be shared online at www.bowermanfuneral.com.

Barbara A. Murray

Oct. 4, 1940 – Nov. 25, 2020

Barbara A. Murray, 80, of Bangor passed away peacefully Nov. 25, 2020, at her winter home in Lake Placid, Fla.

She was the daughter of Donald Dissell and Duane and Evelyn Funk, born on Oct. 04, 1940, in Aurora, Ill. She was a graduate of Kellogg Community College in 1959 and was a certified licensed practical nurse at South Haven Hospital in the labor and delivery unit from 1960 to 1974. After working there, she was a private home health care nurse, as well as being a homemaker until she retired in 1997.

When she wasn't working, she enjoyed spending her time playing bingo, playing cards, going on cruises, daily trips to the hot tub, was an active member of Simpson United Methodist Church, but mostly spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by her life partner of the past 24 years, Everett Pifer; her son, Andrew (Jamie) Murray of Franklin, Ind., and her grandkids: Nolan and Maci.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will meet family and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com. A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 7, at Monks Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Simpson United Methodist Church of Bangor, or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge of Tampa, Fla.

Douglas C. Allen

Douglas C. "Doug" Allen, 69, of Benton Harbor passed away Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020, at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph, with Father John Fleckenstein officiating. Interment will take place at North Shore Memory Gardens at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berrien County Cancer Service, 3900 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph, or Caring Circle Hospice, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services.

California monolith pops up after finds in Utah, Romania

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Days after the discovery and swift disappearance of two shining metal monoliths half a world apart, another towering structure has popped up, this time at the pinnacle of a trail in Southern California.

Its straight sides and height are similar to one discovered in the Utah desert and another found in Romania. Like those structures, the origin of the California edifice is also mysterious.

It's at the top of a hill in Atascadero, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, KEYT-TV reported Wednesday. The tall, silver structure drew hikers to the area after photos were posted on social media.

Another monolith spotted two weeks ago in Utah's otherworldly red-rock country became a beacon of fascination around the world as it evoked the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" and drew hundreds of people to the remote spot.

Two extreme sports athletes said they were part of a group that tore down the hollow metal structure because they were worried about the damage the droves of visitors were causing to the relatively untouched spot.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Stevensville area farmer Andrew Barbott won the Michigan Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Achievement Award on Thursday at the organization's annual meeting in Traverse City. He and his wife, Miriam, operate Barbott Farms and Greenhouses. Barbott, 25, was nominated for the award by the Berrien County Farm Bureau and selected over three other nominees.

1985 – 35 years ago

Horse-drawn wagon rides will begin Sunday in downtown St. Joseph and will continue through the end of the month, according to Kathryn Zerler, executive director of St. Joseph Today. Wagon rides for the public will be available Saturdays and Sundays for a small charge. The horse-and-wagon team, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bennett of Bennett's Belgians in Sodus, will be stationed at the corner of State and Pleasant streets to pick up passengers.

1970 – 50 years ago

Two hundred twenty Lake Michigan College students completed a four-week course in judo under the direction of Don Wickham, an instructor with the St. Joseph Seinan Judo Club. The course, which stresses defensive tactics, is part of the regular physical education course given at the college.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 2020. There are 27 days left in the year.

Highlights in history:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1956, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered for the first and only time for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.)

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone.

In 1986, both houses of Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own investigations of the Iran-Contra affair.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
41°	31°	40° / 29°	39° / 31°	40° / 32°	43° / 35°

Local Outlook

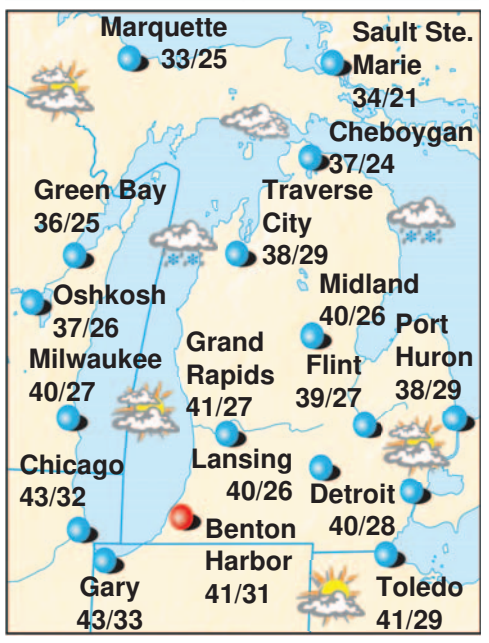
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 69%. West wind 7 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 31°. East wind 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:58 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:14 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:04 p.m.
Moonset ..... 11:40 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
12/7	12/14	12/21	12/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	44°
Low	25°
Normal High	39°
Normal Low	26°
Record High	68° in 2012
Record Low	5° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	0.26"
Year to date	32.03"
Normal Year to date	35.59"

Air Quality

Yesterday 55
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

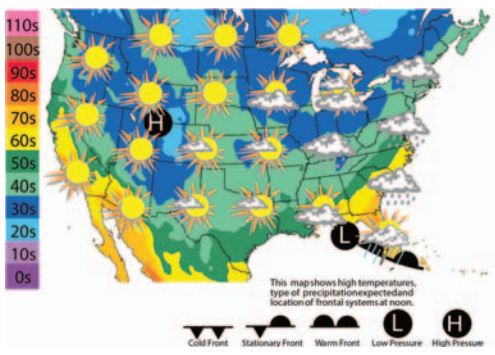
Weather Trivia

What is the longest a rainbow has ever lasted? ?

Answer: August 14, 1979, a rainbow lasted for 3 hours over North Wales.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 4, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 10 to 18 kt. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 9 to 14 kt, with gusts as high as 20 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s. South wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. West wind 7 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s and 40s. East southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

SURGE

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who would be included in the next phase. A draft vaccination plan submitted to the CDC in October listed poultry workers along with other essential workers such as teachers, law enforcement and correctional employees in the so-called 1B category.

Poultry is a major part of Arkansas' economy, and nearly 6,000 poultry workers have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic began, according to the state Health Department.

"We know these workers have been the brunt of large outbreaks not only in our state, but also in other states," said Dr. Jose Romero, the state's health secretary and chairman of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Plans for the vaccine are being rolled out as the surging pandemic swamps U.S. hospitals and leaves nurses and other medical workers shorthanded and burned out. Nationwide, the coronavirus is blamed for more than 275,000 deaths and 14 million confirmed infections.

The U.S. recorded a record 3,157 deaths on Wednesday alone, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. That's more than the number of people killed on 9/11 and shattered the old mark of 2,603, set on April 15, when the New York metropolitan area was the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak.

The number of Americans in the hospital with the coronavirus likewise hit an all-time high Wednesday at more than 100,000, according to the COVID Tracking Project. The figure has more than doubled over the past month. And new cases per day have begun topping 200,000, by Johns Hopkins' count.

The three main benchmarks showed a country slipping deeper into crisis, with perhaps the worst yet to come – in part because of the delayed effects from Thanksgiving, when millions of Americans disregarded warnings to stay home and celebrate only with members of their household.

Keeping health care workers on their feet is considered vital to dealing with the crisis. And nursing home patients have proven highly vulnerable to the virus. Patients and staff members at nursing homes and other long-term care centers account for 39 percent of the nation's COVID-19 deaths.

As authorities draw up their priority lists for the vaccine, firefighter groups asked the Minnesota governor to placed in the first group. The Illinois plan gives highest priority to health care workers but also calls for first responders to be in the first batch to get the shot. Other states are struggling with where to put prisoners in the pecking order.

ABYSS

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results of recent vaccine studies look hopeful, the Philadelphia-area physicians and nurses who spoke to The Inquirer said they worry about what they are seeing now.

They said they see rampant community spread infecting health-care workers outside the hospital. If health-care workers get sick this time around, some said they worry there won't be enough backup resources. During springtime surges on the East Coast, health-care workers from other areas flew in to help. But now, the entire country is a hot spot.

Doctors and nurses worry about being able to care for as many patients as they want to help. They are alarmed by the rising cases and hospitalizations coinciding with the winter, which is already a busy time for hospitals in normal years, as people catch the flu or other illnesses worsen. An increase of severely ill COVID-19 patients could threaten to overwhelm the system.

"It is very isolating to be almost screaming into the abyss that we see all this data and all the science pointing toward a catastrophe, yet no one wants to hear it," said Dr. Mona Masood, a Philadelphia-based psychiatrist who is the founder of Physician Support Line, a support line launched in March to provide free emotional help to physicians during the pandemic.

As a Drexel University postdoctoral research fellow, Dr. Tiffany M. Montgomery feels like practicing nursing helps with her research, so she also works as a per diem labor and delivery nurse at Einstein Medical Center. But she didn't think she would be dealing with the coronavirus for nine months straight. She is praying to find answers for what to do this winter, but would be surprised if she made it through the next two months without resigning.

"I had no idea we would be doing it for this long and I'm just tired," Montgomery said. "I don't want to be your superhero. I want to be safe. I don't want to have to deal with this anymore. I want you to listen to health-care providers and your officials are telling you. I don't want praise and I certainly don't want to be your martyr."

In Camden County, cases skyrocketed with 5,397 new cases last month, as of Nov. 24, representing nearly a third of all reported cases in the county throughout the pandemic. Dr. Sarab Sodhi, an emergency room physician at Cooper Hospital in Camden, is worried this will only increase over the winter.

He has trouble sleeping, thinking of those patients throughout the pandemic he might have saved.

"If you work in health care you have all these ghosts following you around, and they're all the ghosts of things you could have done differently," Sodhi said. "They're all faces and names that stick with me, and they wander with me, as I walk through the hospital. I used to have a few of those, maybe a handful, and now I have a lot."

'A slap in the face'

When Dr. Mari Siegel sees a friend out without a mask, she takes it as a personal insult.

They know she is an attending physician at Temple University Hospital's emergency department and on the palliative care team. She's worked throughout the pandemic to take care of everyone else, even while her 3-year-old son undergoes chemotherapy for leukemia.

"To not heed our warnings, is a slap in the face," Siegel said. "We're tired. You can do this once, but to have to do it again, and to have seemingly slipped backward. ... I want to shout. I want to walk around with posters of what we see in the ICUs."

Health-care workers are also juggling the ripple effects of the pandemic outside the hospital, like issues with child care, virtual schooling, loss of holiday celebrations, isolation, and loneliness.

Dr. Patricia Henwood, who has been leading the Emergency Medicine response to COVID-19 at Jefferson Health, said unlike other members of the general public who have not been forced to confront the pandemic every day since March, "we don't have any ability to essentially walk away from that because we feel that at home and we feel that at work."

Henwood is struggling with child care after her 3-year-old's day care had a COVID-19 outbreak.

BALLOTS

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Lincoln Township rejected six and Antwerp Township rejected five.

Other reasons for rejection included no signature or the signature not matching, voter registration canceled before Election Day, envelope submitted without ballot, ID not confirmed, or first-time voter who registered by mail, and voter sentenced or incarcerated before Election Day.

Only five ballots in the whole state were rejected for the latter, one of which occurred in St. Joseph Township.

Just two municipalities in the tri-county area rejected zero ballots. These were Sodus Township in Berrien County and Newberg Township in Cass County.

Paw Paw Township rejected the most ballots, 26, while Oronoko Township rejected 25 and Lincoln Township rejected 18.

In total, 15,302 of 3.3 million absentee ballots were rejected in Michigan.

The full data set can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127--546413--EM,00.html.

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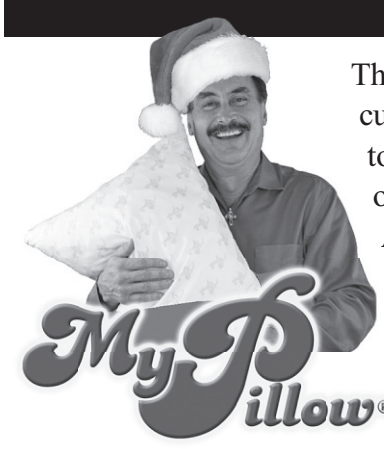

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